Short Chisel Bevel Sharpening Jig

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I was sharpening a blade for a Boggs Spokeshave for the first time and wanted to find a way to hold it. I admit I prefer to use a bevel jig, especially to set the bevel for the first time. This blade is too short to get into either of the jigs I have. However, I had an old blade and chipbreaker from a #5, and it was just the right width. I loosened the screw, clamped the short blade between the chipbreaker and the blade, and inserted the sandwich into the Lee Valley jig. While it would not hold if you were applying a lot of pressure, in this instance it's just to keep the bevel angle constant and there is really no force on it. It worked fine and I think this might make a good way to hold other short blades.